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Though Gerhard Ziller is still officially the East German Minister for Heavy Machine Construction, he no longer conducts any business for the Ministry. He has moved over to the SED Central Committee.¹ Ministry business is now being handled by State Secretary Alfred Wunderlich. It is alleged that Heinrich Rau is to take over the Ministry for Machine Construction on 1 January 1954.² Wunderlich and Ernst Lungewitz will reportedly be State Secretaries for the Ministry. The main administrations of the Ministry are to be transformed into combines (Kombinate), similar to the former VVBs.

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1. [redacted]

2. [redacted] Comment. Up until 1 January 1954, however, the Ministry will remain the Ministry for Heavy Machine Construction.

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